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Claim 2 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wherein the adhesive tape is a heat-resistant adhesive tape with a heat resistance of a maximum of 130°C (1 hour).

Claim 3 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wherein the adhesive tape is 15-75 mm wide.

Claim 4 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wherein the paper support is creped, stretchable and flexible and has good paint adhesion, and the entire adhesive tape has a thickness of 100-250 µm.

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Claim 5 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wherein the masking paper is an unbleached kraft paper of 30-40 g/m² and a width of 15-50 cm.

Claim 6 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wherein the masking film is a polyolefin film 7-40 µm thick, which is corona pretreated, and is 0.5-2 µm wide.

Claim 7 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wherein the masking film is folded according to the dimensions of the masking paper and is folded against the latter accordion-wise.

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Claim 8 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wherein the marginal area of the self-adhesive composition to which the masking paper adheres, is 1-5 mm wide.

Claim 9 (twice amended). Masking strip according to Claim 12, wound into a roll, the masking film being folded and the length of the roll corresponding approximately to the width of the masking paper plus the width of the adhesive tape.

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Claim 11 (amended). A method for painting an automobile, wherein parts of the automobile are not to be painted, which comprises masking parts of said automobile which are not to be painted with a masking strip according to Claim 12.

Please add the following new claim:

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--Claim 12. A self-adhesive masking strip, comprised of

- a) a heat-resistant tape having a paper support with a first side, a second side, a first edge, a second edge, a marginal area adjacent

the second edge; the second side of which is coated with a self-adhesive composition;

b) a masking paper having a first edge and a second edge, and a marginal area adjacent the first edge; said marginal area of said masking paper being attached to the marginal area adjacent the second edge of said adhesive-coated paper support, on the adhesive-coated side thereof; said second edge of said masking paper extending beyond said second edge of said paper support; and

c) a masking film having a first edge and a second edge, and a marginal area adjacent the first edge, said marginal area of said masking film being attached to the marginal area of the adhesive-coated side of said paper support at an area which lies further from said second edge of said paper support than said marginal area of said masking paper; said masking film covering said masking paper; said second edge of said masking film extending beyond said second edge of said masking paper.--

REMARKS

This application pertains to a novel masking strip for use e.g. when painting